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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. The current proposed settlement is inadequate in that it does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor does it inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

Microsoft's past transgressions are quite serious, yet the vast majority of the provisions within the settlement only formalize its current practices. None of the remaining provisions effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating system market.

The most unacceptable aspect of the proposed settlement is that it does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. It contains no provisions for redress of their previous abuses. It prohibits only the future repetition of those abuses. The effect of this is to allow Microsoft to benefit from its illegal acts. In my opinion that is not justice.

I understand the Court's desire to reach a settlement and avoid lengthy litigation. But hasty approval of this ill-conceived settlement will not serve the American people.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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